

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of January 26, 2006.

In the Office Action, claim 1 was allowed. Claims 11 and 12 were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 11 and is submitted to conform to the conditions for allowance. Claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 2 is thought likewise allowable. Notification of allowance of claims 2 and 12 is requested.

Prior claim 2 is now presented as new claim 14. Claims 3 through 10 and claim 13 depend therefrom.

Prior claims 2 through 10 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 103 using the Publication of Huartson as a secondary reference. The attached Declaration under Rule 131 by the undersigned declares and substantiates that the invention as recited in claim 14 preceded the earliest priority date of the Huartson Publication, and the same is no longer a proper reference thereagainst. Should additional substantiation be desired, it will be provided. Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 2, now claim 14, and claims dependent thereon is requested.

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of claims 1, 2 and 12, and reconsideration of claims 14 and 3-10 and 13 are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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